

## TRIP PLANNING

### HOW TO BOOK A TRIP

1. You must dig Oncorhynchus Mykiss (steelhead/trout).
2. Weigh the options; there are lots of guides out there. Jake Mahon's Guide Service's ideal client is someone who (a) wants to learn, (b) likes to have fun, and (c) has a positive attitude. All ability levels are encouraged to give it a try.
3. Decide generally when you want to fish (e.g., winter) and what you want to fish for (e.g., steelhead).
4. Contact Jake Mahon's Guide Service by email, phone, or social media to ask questions or express interest in a trip. See the "Contact" tab on the homepage.
5. Choose a date and send \$100 deposit to Jake Mahon's Guide Service to lock in your date. See the "Contacts" tab on the homepage for mailing address.
6. Jake will confirm the trip details with you by phone more than 24 hours before your trip (usually the week before).
7. Purchase a fishing license to bring with you on the trip. You will need a paper copy or to download the "MyODFW" app to your phone.
  - Instructions: [How to Buy an Oregon Fishing License and Steelhead Tag](#)
  - You will need a "Columbia River Endorsement if fishing any tributary of the Columbia (e.g. Willamette, McKenzie).
  - Electronic Licensing System (ELS) FAQs: <https://myodfw.com/ELS>
  - ODFW Licensing Contact Information:
    - Phone: (503) 947-6101
    - Email: [odfw.websales@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.websales@state.or.us)
8. Show up on time to the agreed meeting location.
9. Have a good time on the water.
10. Rebook and repeat.

### WHEN WE FISH

We offer trips 12 months per year, but mostly fish steelhead in the winter (early December through late March) and steelhead and trout in the summer (early June through late September). On the Rogue, we fish steelhead 12 months per year.

### WHERE WE FISH

Location largely depends on time of year and local weather patterns. Most commonly we fish on:

- Wilson (winter)
- Trask (winter)
- Kilchis (winter)
- Nestucca (winter)
- Rogue (fall, spring, winter, summer)
- North /South / Main Umpqua (winter)

- Siletz (winter)
- Siuslaw (winter)
- McKenzie (summer)
- Willamette (summer)
- If you have interest in a river in Oregon, not mentioned here, just ask!

#### **WHAT WE PROVIDE**

- Professional instruction: fly-fishing, float fishing, bait casting, and spin casting.
- Coffee, water, and light snacks (some form of protein and crackers).
- Cooler for your lunch and drinks.
- Propane heat on the boat.
- All your fishing gear, including bait, lures, tackle, rods, reels, and lifejackets.
- We fillet and bag your fish.

#### **WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING**

- Cash or check.
- Fishing license (which includes salmon/steelhead tag).
- Rain gear.
- Waterproof shoes or boots for getting in and out of the boat.
- Lunch for yourself.

#### **ALSO CONSIDER BRINGING...**

- Additional beverages of choice.
- Cigars...bring one for the guide too 😊
- Camera.
- Polarized sunglasses.
- Extra layers in case weather changes unexpectedly.

*--If you request, we have extra layers and rain gear and can bring them for you--*

#### **MEETING TIME and LOCATION**

Trip departure times and locations vary based on fishing conditions, time of the season, and your travel schedule. You and Jake will verify a meeting time and location at least 24 hours before the start of your trip. See our cancellation policy under the “Rates” tab on the home page.